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Applicant: Kisiday, et al. Examiner: Naff, D.  
Serial No.: 09/778,200 Art Unit: 1651  
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Title: PEPTIDE SCAFFOLD ENCAPSULATION OF TISSUE CELLS  
AND USES THEREOF

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**OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2003, rejecting claims 1-8 of the above-referenced patent application. The cited references are Kisiday, *et al.*, A New Self-Assembling Peptide Gel for Cartilage Tissue Engineering: Chondrocyte Encapsulation and Matrix Production, International Cartilage Repair Society, Sweden (abstract) (2000); U.S. Patent No. 6,129,761; Holmes, *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* 97:6728-6733 (2000); U.S. Patent No. 5,955,343; and Zhang, *et al.*, *Biomaterials* 16:1385-1393). The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. As indicated there, please amend claim 7 and please add new claims 19-32. No new matter is added by the amendments.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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